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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Captain Maqsood Ahmed  
ET, AL.

versus

Tristar Shipping Lines, LTD  
in personam, m/d Delta Pride  
her engines, tackle, etc., in rem

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CIVIL ACTION B-

B-98-188

Order Setting Conference

United States District Court  
Southern District of Texas  
ENTERED

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Michael N. Milby, Clerk of Court  
By Deputy Clerk

1. Counsel shall appear for an initial pretrial conference:

April 22, 1999, at 10:15 A.m.  
Courtroom, Fourth Floor  
United States Courthouse  
500 East Tenth Street  
Brownsville, Texas 78521.

2. Within 15 days of receiving this order, counsel must file a list of all entities that are financially interested in this litigation, including parent, subsidiary, and affiliated corporations. When a group description is effective disclosure, an individual listing is not necessary. Underline the name of corporations with publicly traded securities. Counsel must promptly amend the list when parties are added or additional interested parties are identified.
3. The plaintiff must serve the defendant within 120 days of filing the complaint. The plaintiff's failure to file proof of service within that time may result in dismissal by the court on its own initiative. See Rule 4(m).
4. At least 14 days before the conference, counsel must file a joint case management plan with the identity and purpose of witnesses, sources and types of documents, and other requirements for a prompt and inexpensive preparation of this case for disposition by motion or trial. See Fed R. Civ. P. Rule 26(f).
5. The parties may agree on additional deadlines for completion of pretrial matters and bring a proposed Scheduling and Docket Control Order with them to the initial pretrial conference.
6. By the conference, counsel will have interviewed their clients and read the documents; readily available documents will have been exchanged at the plan meeting at the latest.
7. The court will set a schedule for initial preparation and may rule on motions pending or made at the conference.
8. Counsel who file or remove an action must serve a copy of this order on the other parties.
9. Counsel who appears at the conference must have authority to bind the client and must know the facts.
10. Counsel must have discussed alternative dispute resolution with their clients and each other; at the conference, the court will consider whether a method of ADR is suited to this case.
11. Failure to comply with this order may result in sanctions, including dismissal of the action and assessment of expenses.

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT